

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9-10 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. The Claims Distinguish Over the Applied References

The Office Action (i) rejects claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10-11 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,784,925 to Tomat in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 to Berstis; (ii) rejects claims 3 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tomat in view of Berstis, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,059 to Fichtner; (iii) rejects claims 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tomat in view of Berstis, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,099 to Davison; and (iv) rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tomat in view of Berstis, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,640,214 to Nambudiri. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended to clarify that the controller causes the digital camera to transmit digital data of images without a selection by a user of a kind of file to transmit. None of the applied references disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 10 in which a controller causes the digital camera to transmit the digital data of the images without a selection by a user of a kind of file to transmit.

Contrary to the recited features, Tomat discloses, as acknowledged by the Office Action, that the user must check certain select boxes in order for the digital camera of Tomat to transmit only digital data of images (see Fig. 13, elements 132 and 133).

Berstis fails to cure the deficiencies of Tomat because Berstis discloses that both image and text data is transferred (Fig. 3, step 310).

Nambudiri, applied in the rejection of independent claim 9, also fails to cure the deficiencies of Tomat because Nambudiri discloses a personal shopping system 10 (col. 5,

line 38). In the cited section of col. 17, line 55 - col. 19, line 53 (Figs. 21-23), Nambudiri discloses a terminal detection module 1704 (Fig. 22) that enables synchronization of data between portable terminals and a host computer, the data including entries in a data book, entries in an address book, "to do" lists, etc., which are not image data (col. 18, lines 61-67).

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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